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THE VOICE OF SPRING

Silks, Dress Goods, Wash Goods.

The proper weaves for spring and summer are forecasted in this exhibit, and many women who see them will plan the spring and summer wardrobe.

America, France, Switzerland and Great Britain have all contributed their share of the new goods. They are here early to be sure; but to meet the wishes of the hundred of women who have learned that to get the best dress-makers and have the work satisfactory, they must have them made before the rush season.

We'll consider it a favor if you will let us show you the new materials at as early a date as possible.

Dress Goods Veilings, Elanets, Voiles, Fancy Cheviots, Novelty Mixtures, Mohairs, Eoliums, Wrap Materials, Beautiful White Materials in Staple and Novelty Weaves. New black goods—Priestly's in Stylish New Weaves.

New Silk Foulards Fancies, Shirt Waist Suit Silks' black and white check, dots, Gunmetal Effects, fanciest its' in superb variety.

Wash Goods Paris has nodded approval of many of our Wash Goods and many styles are exclusive—Muslins, Flowered Organdies, Linen Novelties, in fact every thing that's new, is here. The Shoerest and Flimsiest for evening wear. Handsome goods for spring wear. White goods in beautiful assortments.—All Prices.

See our 25 cent Wash Silk Window

Silk Waists Continue to pour in by the dozens The grandest, the most exquisite gathering of dainty summer dress and evening waists La Grande has ever seen—Japanese silk waists with heavy embroidered or embroidered dots, lace insertion or cluster of tucks, lace inserting to form yoke, wide narrow tucked fronts—lace mosseline de soie and crepe de chiu waists—Foulard wrists, India silk waists waists of sheer cotton materials—Prices range all the way from \$2.50 to \$35. No trouble to flow them.



MARCH WINDS ARE BLOWING

Ladies, and you need a pretty Veil. See the new weaves and colors in this line. Military waist sets, beautiful ribbons, at the Bargain Store.

E. M. Wellman & Co.

They Outrival Flowers

We believe our customers think as we do about perfumes—that the best are none too good, and that the finer qualities are cheapest in the long run and far more satisfactory to us. We keep no poor perfumes at all. The cheapest here are high grade goods, though our price is no more than is often charged for poor. We sacrifice profits for our customers; good and believe our method is appreciated.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR ODORS

- Palestine Clover
- Rose of India
- Madam Butterfly

We have a very large perfume trade and this insures freshness of stock, which is an important consideration.

NEWLIN DRUG CO. LAGRANDE, OREGON

SHIPS FOR RUSSIA

American-Built Vessels Are Offered for the Russian Military Service.

St. Petersburg, March 4—Novoe Vremya asserts that American ship-owners have offered to fit out a large number of fast steamships to act as privateers in the Russian service.

A smallpox epidemic is raging in the trans-Baikal district. It is feared the scourge will spread to the troops.

The number of Jews being sent to the front by the government is entirely disproportionate to the percentage of the Hebrew population. It is estimated that fully 12 per cent of the reinforcements to ranks are Jews.

Hence 30,000 are now proceeding to the scene of operations against Japan. The proofs of loyalty are however not sufficient to suppress the popular anti-semitism, and fears are entertained that a massacre of Jews will occur Easter holiday.

HOW IT ALL HAPPENED

An officer of the Russian cruiser Pallad, describing the first Japanese attack on Port Arthur, writes a denial of the story that the Russian officers were ashore and asserts the Japanese used false lights.

At 11 that night a port office drill to repel torpedo attack was executed and at midnight the four Russian torpedo boats that circulated the enemy had turned back towards Dalny and the crews of the fleet had retired. The captain of the Pallad had descended from the bridge, where he had been for a last lookout, when ships' lights, white above red (a Russian signal), were observed. The captain supposed they were Russian boats returning, until he noticed the different style of attack and the crews were then called to quarters and guns loaded with grape opened fire.

A terrific explosion under the Pallad submerged the cruiser's deck but did not stop her firing. Maneuvering measures were taken close to the beach. Soon after torpedoes were exploded under the Russian and Czarovite's and this ended the attack.

Farmers Institute

Do not lose sight of the fact that a farmers institute will be held in this city March 15 and 16. On the evening of the 15 there will be a session and another on the afternoon of the 16, also in the evening of the 16. The session will be held at the La-Grande Commercial Club and the public is invited to attend. This will be one of the best meetings ever held in this city and there is no question but that the attendance will be larger than ever before. There will also be an institute at Imbler the afternoon and evening of the 14.

England Neutral

St. Petersburg, March 5—There exists high authority for the statement that Russia now has reason to feel more tranquil regarding the attitude of Great Britain. The real reason of the visit to St. Petersburg of Count Henckendorff, Russian ambassador to Great Britain while ostensibly to see his son off for the far east, was personally to assure his government of his belief that the suspicions concerning Japan's ally were ill-founded and that Great Britain although standing by the obligations of the Anglo Japanese treaty would not move unless compelled to do so by the entrance into affairs in the far east of a third power.

TWO LAWS TO BE VOTED UPON

SALEM, Ore., March 5.—Secretary of State Dunbar has received from the State printer the first copies of the pamphlets containing the full text of the direct primary law and the local option law, which will be voted upon by the people on June 6.

Ninety thousand copies of each pamphlet will be printed. The printer has already turned out 30,000 copies of the local option law, and 61,000 copies of the direct primary law. The former fills 20 pages and the latter 52 pages.

In a few days the Secretary of State will distribute these pamphlets to the several counties in sufficient quantities so that each voter may have one, free of charge.

TWO TICKETS IN ELGIN

The caucus for the nomination of candidates for the coming city election was held in Masonic hall last evening. The meeting was organized by the election of J. A. Masterson as chairman and U. F. Weiss secretary. After the organization was effected, Councilman August Hug arose and informed the meeting that the law and order party had a meeting the evening before and selected a ticket as follows: Frank Graham, mayor; J. R. Weaver, U. F. Weiss and H. H. Hug, councilmen; R. H. Lloyd, recorder; C. E. Henderson, marshal, and J. B. Thorson, treasurer, and requested that the above named gentlemen be placed on the ticket. This request being agreed to the caucus proceeded to nominate another ticket as follows: J. A. Masterson, mayor; Robt. Blumentstein, J. L. Overton and J. C. Christensen, councilmen; W. M. Morelock, marshal; A. R. Tuttle, recorder; J. B. Thorson, treasurer. This makes two full tickets with the exception of J. B. Thorson, who has no opposition for treasurer.—Elgin Recorder.

B. M. U. Reunion

The following committees have been appointed to make the various arrangements for the Blue Mountain University reunion which will be held at Elks Hall in this city April 2. Invitation committee—Mrs. Geo. H. Curry, Mrs. E. L. Eckley, Mrs. John Williams. Program committee—Merdames Carrie Baker, Cora Barnell, Mr. Geo. H. Curry. Refreshment committee—Mordames Rose Corbett, Jessie Matott, Emma Shea, Ada Walters, Neri Ackles, and Messrs W. D. Grandy and Dr. J. L. Reavis. The members of the various committees will please consider this as official notice. J. E. Reynolds, president

What Will They Do

Considerable speculation is being indulged in as to what the city council will do about the protest against the stock ordinance. Some predict a repeal, others anticipate a division in which the mayor will cast the deciding vote, and yet another class expects to see the protest laid over for thirty days. It is not all clover on a city council.—Union Republican.

Ten Dollar Hay

The price of hay has been wavering with the weather for three months but has at last reached a price between \$8 and \$10 per ton.—Wallawa Chief

NOTICE

One of the best locations in Eastern Oregon for a Hardware Store. For particulars call on or write Haines Real Estate Co. Haines Oregon.

NEW TRIAL DENIED

Samuel Groff Was Co-partner of Machen and Lorenz in a Government Steal

Washington, Mar. 5.—Justice Prichard this morning overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Samuel Groff, inventor of the patent leather box fastener and sentenced him to two years in Moundsville, W. Va., prison and a fine of \$10,000, same as the other co-defendants in the postoffice conspiracy trail. Groff was subsequently released on \$10,000 bonds pending appeal.

Go To Panama

Washington March 5.—Admiral Walker, chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, had a conference today with the President relating to canal affairs. At the conclusion of the conference, Admiral Walker said he had advised the commission by telegraph to come to Washington at their earliest convenience. He said he expected the commission would sail for the isthmus on March 22. If, however, all the members could not arrange their affairs so as to leave at that time the commission would leave a week later.

It is said the president adopted an unusual procedure in specifically naming Walker as chairman of the Commission, as it is usual to leave the selection of chairman to the commission. But there were slight signs of friction, it is said which impelled the President to prevent any contest in the commission by naming the chairman himself.

AUTHOR AND INVENTOR IS DEAD

FREEWATER, Ore., March 5—Word reached here today of the death at College Place of Ira S. Banks, until recently a resident of Freewater and quite a noted character. Bunker wrote a book last year purporting to be a glimpse into the year 2000, a strange and unique work, which attracted some publicity. He also patented a number of inventions, including a fire alarm system. His age was 54.

Charley Graham, of Salt Lake City, Utah, is in the city visiting his old-time friends.

Odell In Control

New York March 5—Governor Odell has brought about a bloodless revolution in the Republican party in New York State. He is in absolute control, and this fact was virtually proclaimed when the State Committee without open opposition set the date for the State Convention for April 12, adopted resolutions commending the Administration of President Roosevelt, and pledged the support of the committee to him for the nomination.

Both the decision to hold an early convention and the declaration for the President's nomination were taken despite the protests which Senator Platt and Chairman Duane, of the State Committee, have frequently expressed. Since the death of Senator Hanna, Senator Platt has not said as much about the inactivity of the State Committee as he has in the past. He is reported to be anticipating the action of the State Convention as previously, but Colonel Duane and he were opposed to the last to the holding of the State Convention before the adjournment of the Legislature.

Fire Loss Grows

Oklahoma City, Okla. March 5.—Three persons perished in Wednesday night's prairie fire and the financial loss by the fire and gale is estimated at \$500,000.

Twelve persons were burned three perhaps fatally.

Further reports of property loss by both fire and wind indicate that the first estimate was too low. The damage by wind extends over seven counties in the Southwest. The total losses from fire and storm can as yet only be estimated but it is the general opinion that they will reach \$500,000.

Scores of persons are suffering from burns and broken limbs. The area from which reports of damage by wind come over a hundred miles square and means of communication over the district are meager. This difficulty is increased by the fact that poles are burned and wires blown down.

Dog Poisoning.

Fifteen dogs found dead in Union Tuesday morning, as the result of poisoned meat being scattered about town. The acts of the dog-poisoner are always reprehensible and have for so long a time been condemned that it seems useless to say more at this time.

The majority of the dogs killed were not valuable, but we understand that some valuable dogs were in the lot.

An effort is being made to ascertain who put the poison, but it is hardly likely that the individual will be found.—Union Republican

THREE ARE DEAD

Catholic Priest and two Domestic Lose Their Lives in a Rectory Fire.

New York, March 5.—Rev. Father Earnest and two domestics, Mary and Margaret Brady, were burned to death, and Father Kearney Hennegans was injured in the fire which destroyed the St. Patrick church, adjoining the rectory, this morning, at Long Island City. The fire caught the church and spread to the rectory, and escape was cut off by the flames.

The origin of the flames is unknown, but is variously attributed to spontaneous combustion, crossed wires and burglars.

Elgin Dark

A land slide on the sidewalk east of town Tuesday, broke the flume of the city water system and as a consequence we were without water 24 hours and had no lights Tuesday night. Supt. John Magruder went to work at once to repair the damage and everything was in running order Wednesday evening. Elgin Recorder.

Union Team Won

Pendleton, March 5.—(Special to Observer) Over 350 delegates attended the K. of P. Convention in this City today. Prominent Knights from all over the state were present and the hands of the visitors.

This evening a district convention was held and the teams from Union and Pendleton competed in a prize drill. The Union team was the victor and was awarded the prize of \$15 in cash.

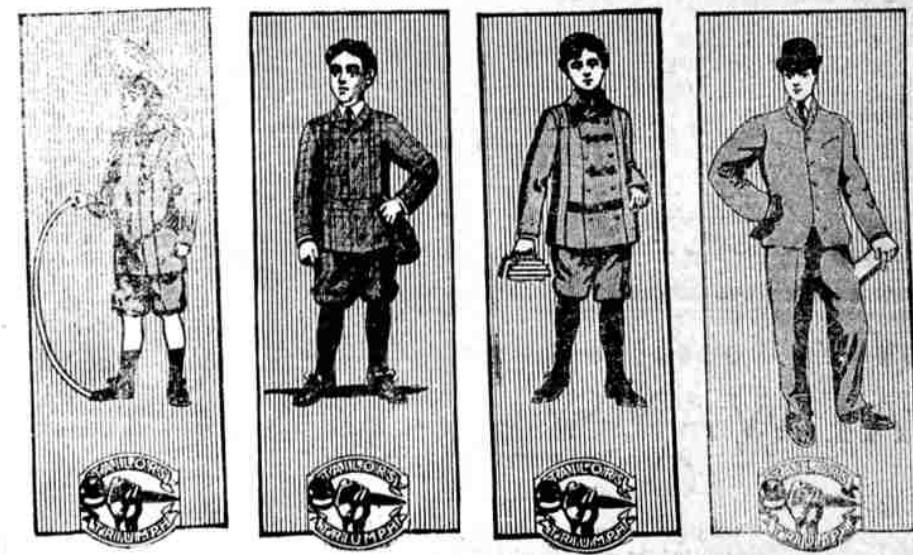
A banquet followed at which covers were laid for 315 guests.

Umatilla Republicans

PENDLETON, Ore., March 5.—(Special to Observer) Chairman Frank S. Curl today issued a call to the County Republican Central Committee to meet at the Courthouse March 22.

J. B. Crossfield, a pioneer "Knight of the Grip," is in the city for a few days in the interests of a farm implement Co.

PICTURE STORY



Of Our Boys' and Youths' Suit Department.

Look them over carefully; they tell an interesting story to the parent who takes pride in dressing their boy right down-to-date. We give special attention to our Boys' Department, and can dress your boy from head to foot at saving prices.

NEW LADIES' BELTS

ALL THE NEW FADS

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

NEW SHIRT WAIST SE